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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

S. 2157, A bill to authorize the establishment of an Inventive Contributions Awards Board within the Department of Defense, and for other purposes

- 1. In response to your request, we have reviewed S. 2157 which proposes the establishment of an Inventive Contributions Awards Board within the Department of Defense. Subject bill is in many respects similar to H.R. 639 which was previously commented on by this Office.
- 2. On the assumption that this Agency might be designated a "defense agency", pursuant to Sec. 3(d), we recommend clarification of the proposal, as recommended in previous correspondence, in relation to Title III of the Fringe Benefits Act of 1954 (Government Employees Incentive Awards Act).
- 3. In S. 2157 (as in H.R. 639) the Atomic Energy Commission is specifically exempted from the "defense agency" category in Section 3(d). It is suggested that consideration be given to seeking similar exemption for this Agency in anticipation of the security problems which might arise in providing necessary information to the proposed Inventive Contributions Awards Board.

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